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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
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**RE: EB Docket No. 04-296 (Review of Emergency Alert System)**

On January 24, 2006 AT&T, Inc. (AT&T) filed Comments in this proceeding in support of the Commission's efforts to update its Emergency Alert System (EAS) rules and requirements in light of new digital communications technologies. At that time AT&T noted that it was investing in Project Lightspeed and would be deploying an IP video service. While the Commission's rules do not require wireline video service providers other than cable operators to participate in the EAS, AT&T indicated that it would participate in the EAS because of the critical role the EAS plays in providing public safety information. Because IP video is still a nascent technology, AT&T noted that only a limited set of current EAS system receivers provide alert information in an IP format and that AT&T's IP video vendors had yet to develop the proxy server capability to route EAS messages to the appropriate end users. As a result, AT&T indicated that it did not anticipate having the capability to deploy its EAS solution until the end of 2007. If the Commission determines to require non-cable operator IP video service providers to participate in the EAS, AT&T requested that the Commission establish no deadlines earlier than December 31, 2007.

Consistent with AT&T's Comments, work is progressing on the development of an EAS solution for its IP video service which is marketed as "AT&T U-verse<sup>sm</sup>." If delivery and testing of the requisite hardware and EAS message routing system requirements proceed as scheduled, AT&T anticipates having an EAS capability by the end of 2007. Video Hub Offices installed after December 31, 2007 would have EAS capability resident at the time of installation. Video Hub Offices which have been installed prior to December 31, 2007 will be upgraded with the necessary EAS capabilities over the first half of 2008. AT&T currently expects that all its Video Hub Offices will have the requisite EAS capability no later than June 30, 2008.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at 202-457-3006.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thomas S. Hughes".

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